

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, a non-profit based in Taylor, Michigan. Their over two decades of service and dedication to southeast Michigan's workers, businesses, and to the local community is worthy of commendation.

Since its founding in 1996, The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) has helped countless Michigan residents find jobs each year. Through their partnership with local employers, hosting of job fairs and talent development programs, SEMCA has given thousands of job seekers the skills they need to succeed. Their youth programs and career planning tools have helped prepare the next generation for successful careers, and their veterans programs have ensured that those who served our country can find employment when their service is over and return home to Michigan. SEMCA has helped dozens of local businesses fill employment vacancies and has stimulated business development and encouraged entrepreneurship in our community.

SEMCA has provided Michigan residents with the skills and training they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. Those who come to SEMCA for support leave possessing the training and knowledge needed for them to get employed and begin their journey towards a lifelong career to benefit not only themselves, but their whole family. SEMCA's work has had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Michiganders and has contributed to the economic rejuvenation of southeast Michigan, in the 12th district and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. We are grateful for their impactful work and wish SEMCA continued success in the years ahead.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for Roll Call vote number 209, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 826 Divided Families Reunification Act, I would have voted Yea.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF HANFORD'S 130TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the birthday of my hometown, the City of Hanford.

The City of Hanford is celebrating the 130th birthday of its historic community. In 1877, the Southern Pacific Railway laid lines from the small towns of Goshen to Coalinga, and their path crossed through a Chinese sheepherder's small camp. This camp was the foundation of the present-day City of Hanford, which was named after James Madison Hanford, the auditor of the railroad.

James Madison Hanford advanced the small community by offering sales of town lots and grew Hanford to more than just a settlement. With the contribution of the railroad, Hanford became the trading center of the area and eventually, the bustling Central Valley town it is today. Today, Hanford has a population of 60,000 residents and is an agricultural and industrial hub within the region. Hanford is home to a diverse and growing population that not only honors their history but looks forward to the bright future.

The City of Hanford has worked hard to uphold the strong traditions and unique sense of community throughout its growth. Beloved historic sites throughout the city help citizens to remember the past while flourishing new enterprise demonstrate a promising future. It is an honor to represent my lifelong home and community, and I look forward to Hanford's continued prosperity.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the City of Hanford on its 130th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BYRON BERLINE

**HON. RON ESTES**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, Byron Berline, a genius of bluegrass music, passed away on July 10, 2021, after a lifetime of sharing his amazing talent on the fiddle and mandolin with millions of people worldwide.

Byron was born on July 6, 1944 in the small town of Caldwell in the 4th District of Kansas where he began to play the fiddle at age five.

After serving his country in the U.S. Army, Byron quickly rose to musical fame, winning three national fiddle competitions and becoming a much sought-after recording artist, studio musician, member of the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, and frequent festival favorite. Berline performed with the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, The Eagles, John Denver, Willie Nelson, Elton

John, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Bill Monroe, and many other notable and international musicians. His talent was also featured on TV and movie soundtracks including Back to the Future Part II and Star Trek, to name a few.

Byron Berline's biggest fans were the thousands of people who attend the annual Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas, where Byron was a favorite performer on stage and in the campgrounds. He leaves a legacy of five decades of live and recorded music and joyful memories for all those who were blessed to enjoy his gift of fiddling.

## EMERGENCY REPORTING ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1250, the Emergency Reporting Act, bipartisan legislation I co-authored to improve how the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reports on and learns from the impact of natural disasters on our telecommunications networks.

The human impacts of disasters are worsened when our communications infrastructure is not resilient and this is an issue Californians know all too well. On October 28, 2019, 874 cell towers were out in California, caused by wildfires and power shutoffs. My constituents were panicked about not being able to call 9-1-1 during emergencies, receive emergency alerts, download evacuation maps, or check-in on loved ones. This horrific situation led my good friend, Congresswoman MATSUI, and me to work on this legislation.

H.R. 1250, the Emergency Reporting Act, requires the FCC to hold field hearings after disasters, issue preliminary and final reports about each disaster, and ensure 9-1-1 centers know when outages will impact calls they may receive.

Wildfires are becoming more intense and more frequent because of climate change. Last year, the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burned 86,509 acres in my Congressional District, making it the 12th most destructive fire in California history. Seventy-seven thousand of my constituents were evacuated and the fire destroyed nearly 1,500 homes, businesses, and other buildings.

I've long called on FCC leadership to visit California and hold field hearings following the wildfires and associated power shutoffs, and many of my colleagues from California have done the same. We need to learn from every disaster, especially by listening to and learning from local public safety leaders, municipal, county, and state officials, and members of the communities impacted. This should be required.

Last Congress, the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on February

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27, 2020 on the Emergency Reporting Act. On March 10, 2020, the Subcommittee marked up the Emergency Reporting Act, and the full Committee did so on July 15, 2020. On September 21, 2020, the full House passed the bill via voice vote. Sadly, the Senate did not take up this critical bill.

On February 25, 2021, the legislation was reintroduced by Reps. DORIS MATSUI, MIKE THOMPSON, JARED HUFFMAN, GUS BILIRAKIS, and myself. Senators KLOBUCHAR and BURR have companion legislation in the Senate.

H.R. 1250 is critical legislation for Californians impacted by wildfires. It will also help those on the Gulf Coast victimized by hurricanes, Midwesterners who've had their communities destroyed by tornadoes, and those in the Northeast who have experienced far too many superstorms.

I urge my House colleagues to once again vote for the Emergency Reporting Act and urge the Senate to do so as well.

**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN  
WARS (VFW) POST 805 IN  
O'FALLON, ILLINOIS**

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 in O'Fallon, Illinois. On July 25, 1921, 25 members of the United States of America VFW established the Erwin L. Dann VFW Post 805 in Waterloo, which moved to East St. Louis and consolidated with two other posts in 1927. Sergeant Dann, a Waterloo native, was 22 years old when he was killed during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive on September 26, 1918. A generation later, a separate group of East St. Louis veterans returned home from World War II and established SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 8475 on October 15, 1946. Sergeant Charles A. "Chub" Fricke was one of 18 employees of the city's Alcoa Aluminum Ore Factory who perished during the war. He was mortally injured by a mortar shell during the Battle of Anzio, passing away four days later at the age of 20. On April 29, 1987, the two posts were consolidated into one, based in O'Fallon. In order to preserve the legacy of both posts, they maintained the number from the longer-tenured post, 805, and carried the name from the other, SGT. Charles A. Fricke. Today, SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 has about 600 members and is the largest VFW Post in the 14th District of the Department of Illinois. Several times over the last 100 years, VFW Post 805 has been designated as an All-State and All-American VFW Post, including in 2021. In 2018–2019, Post 805 was selected as one of 61 posts out of 6200 worldwide to be recognized as a National Outstanding Community Service Post. One of the most active and successful VFW Posts in Illinois, members work together to serve and support fellow veterans, their families, and the community. They have organized blood drives and maintain one of the most active and prestigious Honor Guard and Color Guard teams in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Madam Speaker, please join me in hon-

oring the SGT. Charles A. Fricke VFW Post 805 on their milestone Centennial Anniversary. On behalf of Southern Illinois, I thank them for their service, and happy anniversary.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, my flight was delayed three hours causing me to depart North Carolina after the vote began. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

**APPRECIATING DONALD  
RUMSFELD**

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America has lost a Patriot with the death of former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, the youngest Secretary when serving in the Gerald Ford Administration and the eldest in the George W. Bush Administration. His service has been successful in protecting American families by defeating terrorists overseas. The Wall Street Journal on July 1st, editorialized his dedication for America:

DONALD H. RUMSFELD

Few men have had more consequential careers in public and private life than Donald Rumsfeld, the senior adviser to three Presidents and business executive, who died Tuesday at age 88.

A conservative Midwesterner, he served in the Navy and won a seat in Congress from Illinois in 1962. Richard Nixon spotted his talent and brought him in as an adviser. His star rose quickly and he became chief of staff and then secretary of Defense for Gerald Ford, the youngest Pentagon chief at age 43.

Outside of politics, Rummy, as he was sometimes known, was the CEO of G.D. Searle, the pharmaceutical firm, from 1977–1985 and advised Gilead Sciences in its early days as a director and chairman of the board.

Rumsfeld was most controversial during his second stint as Defense secretary in managing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He pressed the military to refine its invasion plans that in both cases achieved their goals quickly and with few casualties. But he underestimated the strength and nature of the insurgency in Iraq, and he failed to change strategy. President George W. Bush didn't help by failing to settle disputes between State and Defense. Mr. Bush replaced Rumsfeld in 2006 to implement the surge that prevented a U.S. defeat.

Rumsfeld didn't suffer naifs, or journalists, gladly. But we always enjoyed the give and take and learned a great deal listening to him. He was a patriot willing to challenge recalcitrant bureaucracies, which we need more of today.

**CELEBRATING THE CAREER AND  
LEGACY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP  
POLICE CHIEF ROBERT  
BROWDER**

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Springfield Township Police Chief Robert Browder for his service to our community.

Chief Browder began his career in law enforcement in 1986 as a Police Dispatcher, before being sworn in as a Police Officer with the Golf Manor Police Department in 1988.

After spending over two decades in law enforcement, he was promoted to Assistant Police Chief of Springfield Township. He served as Assistant Police Chief for 10 years, overseeing all department operations, before being promoted to Chief of Police in 2015.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Browder has served the Hamilton County Association of Chiefs of Police as Treasurer in 2016, Vice President in 2017, and President in 2018.

In addition to his service in law enforcement, Rob is a dedicated husband and father. His accomplishments throughout his career attest to his integrity, perseverance, and moral strength.

Chief Browder served with diligence and honor throughout his career. I thank Rob for his service to our community. I wish him the best in his retirement.

**CONGRATULATING GARRETT L.  
RESSING ON HIS RETIREMENT  
FROM FEDERAL SERVICE**

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House to join me in recognizing Garrett L. Rensing for his thirty years of outstanding federal service as a civilian attorney for the Department of the Navy's Office of the General Counsel (OGC). He lives in Southern Maryland, in the Fifth District, and I am honored to represent him and so many other talented and hardworking federal civilian employees in Congress.

Since he began his distinguished career with OGC in 1990, Garrett has held several attorney positions. Notably, he became a member of the Senior Executive Service in November 2008. In April 2015, he was selected to serve as the Deputy General Counsel, and in March 2019 he was designated Principal Deputy General Counsel. During his tenure in this last position as the Navy Department's most senior career attorney, Garrett twice served as the Acting General Counsel of the Navy—a presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position—from March 2019 to January 2020 and again from January 2021 to August 2021.

Garrett excelled at advising the Secretary of the Navy during an unprecedented global pandemic. He provided steady leadership during a time of major change within the Department of the Navy and furnished crucial legal and operational advice necessary to move the Navy

forward in light of an increasingly complex global security environment. Garrett has distinguished himself as an attorney who worked tirelessly to provide proactive, accurate, and innovative legal advice on legally complex, sensitive issues impacting operations, procurement, fiscal matters, labor, ethics issues, environmental concerns, and intelligence law. Furthermore, he has demonstrated an unmatched record of leadership while overseeing the provision of legal advice by more than 800 civilian and military attorneys within OGC, ensuring the successful execution of Navy and Marine Corps missions worldwide.

Throughout his career, Garrett has received various awards for his outstanding contributions to the Navy, the Department of Defense (DoD), and our nation. These include the Department of the Navy Meritorious and Superior Civilian Service Awards, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive, and other performance-related accolades.

Madam Speaker, I offer Garrett my congratulations on retiring from federal service after a career of great contribution to our Nation's defense and to the well-being of all those who have served in the Navy. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in recognizing Garrett L. Resing as he reaches this milestone and in wishing him all the best in the future.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMANDER MERLE SMITH

#### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today in honor of the life of the late Commander Merle James Smith Jr., the first Black graduate of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Academy in New London, CT, and the first Black officer to command a warship in close quarters combat. Commander Smith passed away June 16, 2021, at the age of 76. It was an honor to know Commander Merle Smith and bare witness to all the incredible milestones he achieved in his life. He was a true patriot who always placed others before himself.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina to retired Army Colonel Merle James Smith Sr. and Jacqueline T. Smith, Merle grew up in many cities across the United States as well as Germany and Japan. He graduated from Aberdeen High School in Maryland before choosing to attend the Coast Guard Academy in 1962 to play football under the coaching of Otto Graham, the former professional Cleveland Browns quarterback player.

Graduating with a degree in marine engineering in 1966, Officer Smith's first assignment was to serve aboard the *Minnetonka* as a communication officer. He went on to command the Coast Guard Cutter, *Cape Walsh*, for two years before joining forces in Vietnam where he commanded the USCG Cutters *Point Mast* and *Point Ellie*, and made history serving as the first Black commanding officer in close quarters combat. He commanded these ships through more than eighty fire support missions during the successful Operation Market Time, which halted the movement of supplies into South Vietnam. For his heroic

service, Commander Smith earned a Bronze star, a Navy Meritorious Unit Citation, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Vietnam Campaign Medal, among several other accolades.

After returning from the war, Commander Smith was stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. There, he attended George Washington University's School of Law where he met his wife of 47 years, Lynda. Upon graduating with a Juris Doctor, Commander Smith moved back to Connecticut to resume his activities at the Academy, this time as a professor in law. As expected, Commander Smith excelled in his role as a professor and gained notoriety for his ability to keep his students engaged. Commander Smith went on to teach for 13 years and after enriching the minds of thousands of cadets—Commander Smith retired from this role and his active duty service in 1979. Commander Smith's service to our nation however continued at the Coast Guard Reserves for nine years as Commander of the Coast Guard Reserve. Commander Smith simultaneously was recruited by our nation's largest submarine manufacturer, General Dynamic Electric Boat, to join their legal team. Commander Smith worked at Electric Boat for 16 years and made his way up to Chief Council before officially retiring in 1995. From beginning to end, awe inspiring is the only way to really describe what was Commander Smith's career and life. To memorialize all he did for our nation—the Coast Guard Academy announced it will rename its Military Officers Club in honor of him and here in D.C.—our very own National Museum of African American History and Culture proclaimed that they will set up a special exhibit in honor of Commander Smith and his life.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to represent constituents who are as humble, dutiful, and distinguished as Commander Smith. While we mourn his passing, we can take pride in his legacy which will continue to echo through the United States Coast Guard community as an example to our future military leaders. Please keep Commander Smith's family—his loving wife Lynda, children Merle J. Smith III, Chelsea, and Danielle—in your thoughts as they now carry his memory forward. I ask that the entire House join me in recognizing his life and service to our nation.

#### MORE FUNDING FOR POLICING

#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce legislation that gives this House an opportunity to provide more funding for policing.

My bill does this by allowing the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa to be treated as two separate entities for the purposes of the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program. Currently, the Marianas and American Samoa are lumped together for funding, unlike the other U.S. insular areas—Puerto Rico, Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands—which are treated as individual jurisdictions, as are all fifty States.

By fixing this inequity in funding for police in the Northern Marianas and American Samoa, we can help our men and women in blue receive the necessary training and equipment they need to keep our communities safe. Making this change will also provide more funding to support prosecutors and the courts, as well as justice-related initiatives aimed at crime prevention.

Local law enforcement is increasingly the first line of defense against the evolving security threats our country faces. We must do all we can to recognize the vital role of our police in maintaining public safety.

The gentlelady from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, and the gentleman from Hawaii, Mr. KAHELE, are original cosponsors of the bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

#### THE AMERICAN IDEAL

#### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, recently, I received an impassioned letter from Elizabeth Bradley of Bessemer City, North Carolina, about the American ideal.

In her letter she writes, "The American ideal is the revolutionary thought that it is not by government, nor wealth, nor any human intervention that people have rights, but by the divine power of God."

Ms. Bradley is exactly right, Madam Speaker.

The American ideal has withstood the test of time because of those who put their faith in God's plan rather than their own.

Madam Speaker, let us never forget that we are one nation under God, and the freedoms we proudly espouse are a gift that He has bestowed upon us.

#### THE AMERICAN IDEAL

My name is Elizabeth Bradley, and I am 18 years old. Recently the President challenged anyone to define America, claiming that it could not be done. I felt lead to write this short essay, not only defining what is truly American and outlining the most basic steps towards restoring us to our former glory. I encourage the reader to share the ideas presented in this essay at any and every opportunity, and I thank the reader in advance for taking the time to read them.

It comes upon my conscience this day, July 2, 2021, to make note of the American Ideal, which is the very thing that has been the cornerstone of my upbringing and second only in my very identity to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am inclined to write this not only for myself but for the multitude like me who are filled with anguish at the state of the nation in which we live. I struggled in my younger years with the idea that my country is so divided against itself. I have many times over feared the self-division or conquering of the U.S. by a foreign power. But it occurs to me now that America is not and never, in concept or reality, has been a particular plot of land. The United States as we call it is only the land in which the American Ideal has been allowed to flourish. And while it will be a dismal day when the current government and land are inevitably overrun, America is not a thing that can truly be destroyed. America is an idea, a rather great one, in which people are

by Providence allowed to protect and fight for their God given rights.

The American ideal is the revolutionary thought that it is not by government, nor wealth, nor any human intervention that people have rights, but by the divine power of God. And it is for this very reason that we have been uniquely and divinely blessed thus far in our pursuits as a nation. It is my firm belief that it was no man, but God Himself who turned the tide of the American revolution. Through a myriad of miracles, lives improbably saved, and weather, God lead an army of untrained and largely uneducated patriots to the most unlikely victory in all of human history. God's plan for America was vested in the very foundation of its ideals and laws. The American ideal acknowledges the fact that "All men are created equal" and that "They are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights". The American ideal puts the liberty and responsibility of preserving life, enjoying liberty, and the pursuit of happiness on the people of a nation. In turn the government respects those rights and protects them. It is made clear in the American Ideal that these certain rights; among them being free speech, freedom of religion, freedom to keep and bear arms, privacy from government intervention and the right to a fair trial and fair treatment throughout any judicial proceedings, among others; are not capable of being given or taken away at the hands of any man but given by God alone in His mercies and through the provision of death of Jesus Christ.

The American Ideal is one, and governmentally the only one, that is constructed in a way that can glorify God. It is for this reason that God has supported this great American experiment. It is my unfavorable duty at this point to note that the governmental body of these United States has long strayed from this ideal and its purpose. Through centuries of corruption and societal changes, some of which were necessary and some of which were orchestrated by the enemy to divide our people, American society has forgotten its foundation in Providence. The government, which is now lead by a people who are led by partisan politics, is a shell of what it used to and rightly should be. The leaders of this nation have taken to voting only for what they believe will get them re-elected. Worse than that, some leaders in this nation have decided to vote in accordance with whatever will oppose God's Truth and the Providential American Ideal. The enemy has not only taken hold in the government but in all aspects of the American life. Business, entertainment, and even many churches have fallen short of God's plan for this nation. Wealthy and vicious people now monopolize almost all forms of communication and consumers allow themselves to be silenced. Churches no longer speak Gods Truth, but pander to a modern audience that insists upon the acceptance and glorification of sin. The doctrines of free speech and religion have been distorted and abused in a way that benefits those who are against the common people. The poor are intentionally kept down for the political gain of those who oppress them most. And the enemy, with his many minions in this world are attempting to erase God's name from the societal conscience of Americans.

The hope that we may all hold to is in this verse "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. We the people, who believe in the American Ideal by nature are God's people. We must take heed, not only of the hope held in this verse but also of the ef-

fort that we must put in to achieve this goal. We must humble ourselves. We must not be blinded by our pride, in ourselves, our party affiliation, or in our own ideas. Conversely, we must humble ourselves and ask only what God would have us do, think, say, or vote. We must seek God's plan for us and our nation through prayer, and we must be vigilant in this effort. We must pray for forgiveness for our collective sins, and we must turn from those things which we hold dear that we know are not morally right. We must turn both from personal sin and do all we can to hinder our national sins. If we are to hold onto the nation that we love, and properly protect the American Ideal we must, as a people, place our faith in the sole Almighty God of Israel and America.

While it appalls and amazes me that there are those that do not hold this nation and this Ideal the way I do, I often feel that there are a precious few that see the American Ideal the way I do. In recent times many of those who claim the title of patriot are unwilling to give up even the smallest convenience to divest power from those who seek to oppress us. Our forefathers, and in fact many influential women of the American Revolution began their revolution by giving up their dearest luxuries. It may not seem so dear a cost to us now to give up the drinking of tea, but what if Amazon Prime was put in that place? How many are truly willing to give up something, never mind everything to make the American Ideal once again thrive? And, while there is much explosive drivel strewn across the internet about patriotism, I challenge the reader to find a single person who is both unwilling to stop buying from Google and willing to give their very life for the cause.

Nevertheless, this is written not to discourage the truly American people but to bring them hope. The essence of America is within the hearts and minds of those who know and believe the American Ideal. The belief in God given freedoms, personal liberty and the responsibilities therein, and the truth that any man can become successful when the proper work is put in; that is the American Ideal. And this Ideal can not be lost, it can not be altered, and it can not be destroyed. No matter how hard the enemy tries, he can not destroy what God has created and blessed. The battle is won against the Washington oligarchy, against the immoral CEOs, against those who seek to silence us, against the bitter hatred among brothers, against the sex culture, against drug culture, against Satan himself. It is done. Therefore, I urge the reader to get on your knees tonight and pray over this nation. Pray with confidence in the One you are speaking to. Pray for the leaders of our churches, schools, and government. Pray over what roll God has for you in the next chapter of this American experiment, put on the armor of Christ and stand prepared for the coming battle.—Elizabeth S. Bradley

#### PRESERVING HOME AND OFFICE NUMBERS IN EMERGENCIES ACT OF 2021

SPEECH OF

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 678, the PHONE Act, a simple but powerful bill to ensure that Americans who lose their homes in natural disasters do not also lose their home phone numbers.

Last year, the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burned 86,509 acres in my Congressional District, making it the 12th most destructive fire in California history. Seventy-seven thousand of my constituents were evacuated, and the fire destroyed nearly 1,500 homes, businesses, and other buildings.

This figure includes nearly 1,000 families in my district who couldn't return home because their home was destroyed. The PHONE Act helps these families and thousands of other American families who lose their homes in wildfires and other disasters.

The PHONE Act has three parts. First, if the President issues a major disaster declaration and a governor designates a disaster area, phone numbers in that designated area cannot be reassigned for one year. Second, if someone in the disaster area needs more than a year, they can get a one-year extension because rebuilding can take years. Third, the bill allows consumers to cancel phone service without a cancellation fee if their home is inaccessible or uninhabitable. The bill also prohibits resubscription fees if consumers get phone service somewhere else in the area.

Some may ask why we need all of this for a simple phone number. One of the first things parents teach their children is their phone number. Many of us still remember our parents' home phone numbers. While many are opting to live with just cellphones, it's important to consider who depends on landlines: older Americans and retirees who often have multiple doctors, caregivers, and loved ones using long-held phone numbers.

Congressman MIKE THOMPSON authored the bill to help the survivors of the Atlas and Tubbs fires that ravished his Congressional District in 2017. Thousands lost their homes and were further frustrated to learn they also lost their phone number, because phone companies had given the numbers away.

The bill is carefully drafted to plug a small gap in the law, but this gap means the world to our constituents for whom this bill is written to protect.

Last Congress, the bill was marked up on March 10, 2020, by the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology and on September 9, 2020, by the full Energy & Commerce Committee. At both markups, I offered amendments to ensure the bill would have broad, bipartisan support and would be as effective as possible. On September 29, 2020, the House passed the bill by voice vote. Sadly, the Senate did not consider the measure.

I urge my House colleagues to pass this bill once again and urge the Senate to take it up and pass the bill as well.

#### RECOGNIZING STEPHEN KLEIN FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF VERMONT

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor my friend Stephen Klein, who is retiring from his job as Chief Fiscal Officer to the Vermont State Legislature. Stephen joined the staff of the Vermont Legislature in 1992 as a Fiscal Analyst and, in

1993, was appointed Chief Fiscal Officer. The nonpartisan Joint Fiscal Office provides fiscal analysis, budget evaluation, performance oversight and fiscal policy support for the Appropriations, Finance, Ways & Means and Tax Committees and for the Vermont Legislature as a whole. In his capacity as Chief Fiscal Officer, Stephen has directed the budget and tax staff for the Vermont House and Senate for the past 28 years.

With rapid fire speech, Stephen has educated generations of Vermont legislators on the complexities of the Vermont budget process. As President Pro Tempore of the Vermont Senate, I had the pleasure of working with Stephen to craft budgets for the State of Vermont and, like many before and after me, marveled at his intricate knowledge of Vermont state government, tax policy, the budget, and the economy. Stephen has gained the trust of legislators through his facility with his subject matter and his generous willingness to explain it.

Stephen's contributions have extended beyond Vermont. He served as president of the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices in 1998 to 1999 and was a member of National Conference of State Legislatures' Executive Committee from 2002 to 2005. From 2009 to 2017, Stephen served on the Advisory Board of the New England Public Policy Center at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, providing advice on research content and direction to policy makers in the New England region. From 2014 to 2017 Stephen served on the Government Accounting Standards Advisory Committee.

In 2013, Stephen was the recipient of the Steven D. Gold Award, given annually by the National Tax Association, the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). The 2013 award was presented by the NCSL. The award honors professionals who have made significant contributions to state and local fiscal policy.

In addition to his professional commitments, Stephen has volunteered tirelessly in his community, serving on the board of the local food cooperative in Montpelier, as Treasurer of the Green Mountain Club, and as Treasurer for the local synagogue. Stephen also serves as a guest lecturer at the Vermont Law School.

Mr. Klein attended the University of California, Berkeley; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Northeastern University School of Law. He served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic and Honduras in the early 1970s.

Stephen's friendly demeanor, sage observations and ubiquitous presence have made him a well-known and welcome fixture under the Golden Dome. He will be greatly missed. I wish him all the best in his retirement and look forward to seeing him out on Vermont's hiking trails.

HONORING DWANA BRADLEY

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dwana Bradley as Iowan of the Week. Dwana is a mother, a business owner, an ed-

ucator, and a long-time community advocate. She believes education is the key to life, which speaks to her passion and career as a teacher.

Dwana received a bachelor's degree in child and family services from Iowa State University, a master's degree in elementary education and literacy from Drake University, and a specialist's degree in administration. She went on to graduate from the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, and for almost seven years she worked as a reading interventionist with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) to help students reach their potential. In 2019, she was elected to the Des Moines School Board and currently serves as the chair of the board.

Dwana did not let the COVID-19 pandemic slow her drive to educate young Iowans. As chairwoman, she serves in an outreach role to help underserved communities attain higher education and is working to stem the negative impact of COVID-19 on students, especially those who were already struggling in school or falling behind.

Dwana also owns Iowa Urban Media, a community-focused publishing company, and is the editor-in-chief for the Urban Experience Magazine, a monthly publication that shares news in the African American community and seeks to empower voices through positivity. Her journalism promotes education, an open dialogue, and a space to have important conversations about issues affecting Iowans. She passionately believes that these conversations are a crucial step towards achieving justice.

In addition to her commendable career in education, Dwana is an active advocate. She is the executive director of Iowa Juneteenth and chairs a committee for Iowa Juneteenth Observance, volunteers on the DMPS attendance committee, and still makes time to direct the choir at True Bible Baptist Church.

As executive director of Iowa Juneteenth and chair on a committee for Iowa Juneteenth Observance, she helps put on events, educate the public, and celebrate with Iowans across the state for the annual commemoration of Juneteenth: the date the last enslaved African Americans were granted freedom in 1865, ending slavery in the United States. Just this week, Congress finally passed a bill to formally recognize Juneteenth National Independence Day as a federal holiday after decades of activism from Americans.

As we recently gathered to observe Juneteenth and join in community celebrations and educational events, let us thank Dwana and her team for their efforts to bring Iowans together to share stories, experiences, and history with one another. She is a fantastic educator, a proud voice in the community, and a fervent advocate for uplifting Iowans. Please join me in honoring Dwana Bradley as our Iowan of the Week.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRIAN J. MAST**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, my flight into Washington, D.C. was delayed due to bad weather causing me to miss a vote on 7/19/2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

REMEMBERING JASON G. THOMAS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jason G. Thomas for his ten years of service with the House's Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Logistics & Support. It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that he passed away in September 2020 at the young age of forty. Jason was a constituent of mine from Maryland's Fifth District.

Jason began his career with the CAO in January 2015, joining the Logistics & Support group responsible for moving furniture and carrying out the massive effort every two years of moving offices during the Congressional transition. Prior to his time with the CAO, Jason worked with District Movers, where he gained a strong understanding of logistics and organization, which served him well in his House employment.

Among his many hobbies, Jason had a love of acting, he enjoyed mechanics, he was an avid football fan, and he proved a very talented drummer. He was a graduate of the Massanutten Military Academy. Jason's co-workers and friends remember him for his infectious smile and incessant positive attitude. Some of the sentiments they shared after he passed away included that: 'He was always smiling,' and 'What a great guy.' Also: 'He would always greet you with a smile and a hello and was such a light to be around.'

Prior to his death, Jason was being recognized for his exceptional service while confronting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. He was tasked with helping to assist with the enormous job of processing the distribution of thousands of laptops and electronics to House Members and staff who were suddenly required to work remotely. The Asset Management Department specifically requested Jason by name, not only because of his talent but also because of his sunny disposition and positive attitude while performing his duties. He was soon to be recognized for his contribution to this effort by former Chief Administrative Officer Phil Kiko.

Jason lived in Clinton, Maryland, and is survived by his parents, Henry and Idena Thomas, his three sisters—Sonya, Tanya, and Yolanda—and his three young children, fourteen-year-old Kason, thirteen-year-old Juarez, and ten-year-old Karen.

Madam, Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Jason G. Thomas for his service and contributions to this House. I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the Thomas family for their tremendous loss. The gifts of Jason's life and his tremendous dedication to service, family, and community will always be remembered.

HONORING COMMISSIONER DEAN COX

**HON. CHRIS STEWART**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2021*

Mr. STEWART. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD a letter signed by the

Utah Congressional delegation to honor the life and service of my dear friend, Commissioner Dean Cox of St. George, Utah, who passed away on July 7, 2021. I have known Commissioner Cox, and his wife LaRene for years. They are the kind of family who set a high standard for public service and involvement. Dean was a great public servant, a wonderful neighbor, and a fantastic friend. He is sorely missed.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 20, 2021.

LARENE COX,  
St. George, Utah.

DEAR LARENE COX AND FAMILY: We write to offer our sincere condolences and honor a great pillar of southern Utah, Commissioner Dean Cox. His years of diligent public service to his community and family will be felt for decades to come. He will be dearly missed.

Commissioner Dean Cox devoted his life to serving others and set an example of measured and thoughtful leadership throughout his life. He gave of his time and talents generously and had a way of bringing people together to complete essential projects for the benefit of all in Washington County.

Dean's local knowledge and diverse experiences secured him as a vital and trusted voice for the community. We revere Dean's willingness to share his love of flight and knowledge of radio operation to protect his community through service as volunteer emergency responder. As a small business owner, he showed the way to invest in the future of his community. His ever willingness to serve taught us compassion for, and devotion to beloved neighbors, which is a legacy that will live on in Washington County, the State of Utah, and beyond.

We are grateful to you for your sustaining love and support to Commissioner Dean Cox throughout his life and career. You will continue to carry on the legacy of friendship and kindness that together you set during his lifetime. We will miss working with Dean and are grateful for the time we spent with him as a friend, neighbor and dedicated public servant.

Our hearts go out to you as we keep you and your family in our prayers and hope for you to find comfort during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Senator MIKE LEE.  
Representative CHRIS  
STEWART.  
Representative BLAKE  
MOORE.  
Senator MITT ROMNEY.  
Representative JOHN  
CURTIS.  
Representative BURGESS  
OWENS.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN TIMOTHY CRONIN

#### HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I have the honor of serving Florida's First Coast, with a constituency filled with our nation's heroes. It is my distinct privilege to rise today and speak about one of my own Coast Guard constituents, Captain Timothy Cronin.

Captain Cronin currently serves as the Commanding Officer of the National Security Cutter *Hamilton* in North Charleston, South

Carolina, and has served his country with distinction for 25 years. On July 23rd of this year, he retires and returns home to his wife Kristan and children Kaleigh, Connor, Cooper, Parker and Davis.

Since the Coast Guard's founding in 1790 by Alexander Hamilton, Americans have relied on our guardsmen to protect our nation's maritime interests. The Coast Guard has secured our sovereignty in times of war and peace, and safeguarded the American public during times of national catastrophe.

Captain Tim Cronin has served on six cutters, commanding three of them. He departs the service after leading the great crew of the Coast Guard Cutter *Hamilton*—a state of the art National Security Cutter bearing the name of the Service's founder. In his two years commanding the *Hamilton*, Captain Cronin seized over 13 tons of illegal drugs worth \$316 million, removed 41 drug traffickers from the water, and led his crew through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Most recently, he took his crew over 5,000 nautical miles from home to the Mediterranean Sea and Black Sea. There, he conducted training with NATO and Black Sea allies in the face of Russian aggression, enforcing the rule of law and the steadfast commitment of the United States to our friends in the region. He operated in a global environment and proved once again how powerful and important our Coast Guard is to the world.

While his retirement is a loss to the Service, his legacy will continue to live on in the Coast Guard men and women he served with over the last 25 years. They have undoubtedly benefitted from his leadership, genuine compassion for others, and commitment to the Coast Guard's core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty.

Captain Cronin, those whom you've led now have the watch. I wish Captain Cronin fair winds and following seas as he starts a new chapter in his life. Bravo Zulu on a job very well-done.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing this great American and Coast Guardsman for his selfless service to our Nation.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD RAINEY

#### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

MR. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Richard "Dick" Rainey.

Dick was born in Oregon in 1938. His parents were loggers, so Dick grew up spending a lot of time outdoors. Following high school, Dick joined the United States Navy and served for four years. He then pursued a career in law enforcement and joined the Compton Police Department. In 1964, Dick moved to Contra Costa County where he joined the Sheriff's Office. He spent 28 years there and was promoted through the ranks, but also continued his education and earned an associate's and bachelor's degree while working. In 1978, Dick was elected as the Contra Costa County Sheriff. During his tenure as Sheriff, he oversaw the construction of new jails in Martinez and Richmond.

When he retired as Sheriff, Dick turned to politics. He represented parts of Contra Costa and Alameda counties in both the California State and the California State Senate. He then went on to serve as a Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the George W. Bush Administration.

Dick is remembered as a compassionate, genuine man who dedicated his life to helping others. In his personal life, he enjoyed traveling and spending quality time with his children and grandchildren.

Sadly, Dick passed away this month. He was a mentor to me, and he will be dearly missed. Please join me in honoring Dick Rainey for his leadership and many contributions to our community.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED JULY 22

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1425, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, S. 1428, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and to prohibit biological product manufacturers from compensating biosimilar and interchangeable companies to delay the entry of biosimilar biological products and interchangeable biological products, S. 1388, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, S. 1435, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit product hopping, and the nominations of Gustavo A. Gelpi, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Angel Kelley, to be United States District Judge for the

District of Massachusetts, Christine P. O'Hearn, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, and Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, both to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SR-325

9:30 a.m.

## Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2022.

SD-106

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert T. Anderson, of Washington, to be Solicitor, and Tracy Stone-Manning, of Montana, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, both of the Department of the Interior, and Shalanda H. Baker, of Texas, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Samuel T. Walsh, of New York, to be General Counsel, and Andrew Eilperin Light, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Affairs), all of the Department of Energy.

SD-366

10 a.m.

## Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment

To hold hearings to examine frameworks to address future pandemic risk.

SD-538

## Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Subcommittee on Space and Science

To hold hearings to examine space situational awareness, space traffic management, and orbital debris, focusing on solutions for emerging threats.

SR-253

## Committee on Environment and Public Works

## Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine current issues adversely affecting environmental justice populations.

SD-406

## Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine American workers in a 21st century economy, focusing on the right to organize.

SD-430

## JULY 27

9:30 a.m.

## Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine implementation and enforcement of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, focusing on one year after entry into force.

SD-215

10 a.m.

## Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine pipeline cybersecurity, focusing on protecting critical infrastructure.

SR-253

## Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

## Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service, and Lee Satterfield, of South Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary (Educational and Cultural Affairs), both of the Depart-

ment of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-G50/VTC

## Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine building on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on the path forward.

SD-430

## Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine resources and authorities needed to protect and secure the homeland.

SD-342/VTC

## Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine America under cyber siege, focusing on preventing and responding to ransomware attacks.

SD-226

## JULY 28

9:30 a.m.

## Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert Luis Santos, of Texas, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, and Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.

## Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), and Donald Lu, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, all of the Department of State, and Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

SD-G50/VTC